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SUBJECT: Sudan: U.S. Business Facilitation and Commercial
Promotion

¶1. (U) This is an action request - see para 4.

¶2. (SBU) Stringent U.S. economic sanctions against Sudan have drastically limited opportunities for U.S. firms to supply goods and services in this nation of more than 40 million consumers. Only U.S. firms licensed by OFAC are able to compete in this expanding market, although recent legislation provides additional prospects for lawful trade.

¶3. (SBU) Under the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act, signed into law on October 13, 2006, U.S. firms are no longer prohibited from doing business in Southern Sudan, the Three Areas, Darfur, and marginalized areas around Khartoum. Embassy Khartoum is beginning to receive U.S. commercial inquiries, and has consulted with FCS Nairobi regarding prospects for business facilitation and commercial promotion under these changing conditions.

¶4. (SBU) Action requested: Embassy Khartoum requests Department (AF and EB) collaborate with the Departments of Commerce and Treasury to develop cleared guidance to address the anticipated interest of U.S. firms in lawful commercial opportunities in Sudan.

¶5. (U) Thanks for assistance.

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